

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 17-21 and 33-47 are pending in the application. The Examiner additionally stated that claims 43-47 are rejected. By this amendment, claims 43-47 have been amended. Hence, claims 17-21 and 33-47 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

#### **In the Claims**

##### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner allowed claims 17-21 and 33-42.

##### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101**

The Examiner rejected claims 43-47 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 43-37 as amended are directed to statutory subject matter.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In view of the arguments advance above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17-21 and 33-47 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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